

At the Regular Meeting of the Town Council, Town of Eaton held on March 8, 2022 at the Town of Eaton Office Building, 35 Cedar Street, Morrisville, New York, there were present:

Cliff Moses, Supervisor
Joe Wicks, Councilperson
Dave Verne, Councilperson
Jeff Golley, Councilperson
Paula Highers, Councilperson
Larry Phillips, Highway Supervisor
Debra Clark, Deputy Town Clerk

The Meeting opened at 6:00 with the Pledge of Allegiance.

After review of the February minutes, Councilperson Verne moved to accept the minutes as submitted. Second by Councilperson Golley. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

Motion by Councilperson Wicks to recess and open the Public Hearing – Local Law 1-2022 Development and Project Fees. Second by Councilperson Highers. All Ayes. Motion Carried. (on file with Town Clerk).

With all persons being heard for or against, Supervisor Moses recessed the Public Hearing and continued the regular meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Harvey Kliman, head of the Southern Madison Heritage Trust (SMHT) the land trust serving southern Madison County. One of their goals is the preservation of agriculture in the region. SMHT is asking for the Town of Eaton's support for conservation project with one of the farms in the Town, Cedar Crest Farms owned by Andy and Vicki Migonis.

SMHT is applying for a NY State Farmland Protection grant which would purchase the development rights on the farm, providing substantial funds to the Migonis's for the protection and enhancement of the farm into the future. SMHT is applying for the grant at the request of the Migonis's

HIGHWAY REPORT:

Highway Supervisor Phillips requested authority to trade, or sell the 2016 Wacker Excavator. Purchase of EWR130 Volvo Wheeled excavator not to exceed \$145,000.00

TOWN CLERK REPORT:

Taxes collected to date \$2,533,783.98/ last year \$2,491,331.61

OLD BUSINESS:

Motion by Councilperson Golley to accept and approve Local Law #1-2022 Development and Project Fees. Second by Councilperson Verne. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

NEW BUSINESS:

- 1. Motion Councilperson Golley granting authority to Highway Supervisor Phillips to negotiate the sale of the 2016 Wacker excavator and purchase an EWR130 Volvo Wheeled excavator. Second Councilperson Wicks. All Ayes. Motion Carried.**
- 2. Motion Councilperson Wicks to advertise for a Public Hearing on April 12, 2022 at 6:05 to propose the extension of the moratorium on wind and solar facilities for 180 days that includes the Town of Eaton. Second Councilperson Highers. All Ayes. Motion Carried.**
- 3. Motion Councilperson Verne to advertise for a Public Hearing on April 12, 2022 at 6:10 on the enlargement of SEVAC to include the entire Town of Eaton and the Village of Morrisville. Second Councilperson Golley. All Ayes. Motion Carried.**
- 4. Motion Councilperson Wicks to accept \$ 496,870.00 from New York State Office of Parks, Recreation, and Historic Preservation (OPRHP) for the purpose of funding the Community Park project. Second Councilperson Golley. All Ayes. Motion Carried.**
- 5. Motion Councilperson Wicks accepted the following Resolution 3-2022**

"WHEREAS, the Town of Eaton has applied for and received from the New York State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation grant monies for the development of the proposed Town of Eaton Community Park Project; and

WHEREAS, as proposed, the Town of Eaton Community Park Project will be situated upon approximately five (5) acres of property located on Eaton Street in the Village of Morrisville owned by

the Morrisville-Eaton Central School District, which shall be leased to the Town of Eaton for a period of 99 years; and

WHEREAS, Volume 6 N.Y.C.R.R., Section 617 of the Regulations relating to Article 8 of the New York State Environmental Conservation Law ("SEQRA"), requires that as early as possible an involved agency shall make a determination whether a given action is subject to the aforementioned law; and

WHEREAS, no other agency has the legal authority or jurisdiction to approve or directly undertake the development of the proposed Town of Eaton Community Park Project on behalf of the Town of Eaton; and

WHEREAS, a Short Environmental Assessment Form has been prepared and reviewed by the Town Board; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board has considered the development of the proposed Community Park Project and the criteria contained in 6 N.Y.C.R.R. Part 617.7, and has compared the impacts which may be reasonably expected to result from such development against said criteria.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Town of Eaton Town Board does hereby declare itself lead agency for purposes of its environmental review pursuant to SEQRA, which review shall be conducted on an uncoordinated basis; be it further

RESOLVED, that the proposed Community Park Project is an Unlisted Action, which shall not realize any significant adverse environmental effects, resulting in a negative declaration for purposes of SEQRA."

Second Councilperson Highers. All Ayes. Motion Carried.

- 6. Motion Councilperson Golley to grant authority to Supervisor Moses to sign the necessary agreement to lease or purchase or be gifted the property on Eaton Street from Morrisville-Eaton Central School for the Community Park project 99 year lease/ \$1.00. Second Councilperson Verne. All Ayes. Motion Carried.**
- 7. Motion Councilperson Wicks to approve the use of American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds for various projects to include the purchase of Electronic Speed signs, new Computers for offices, new security cameras, from Day Automation not to exceed \$ 15,000.00 and a contribution for the Museum known as Friends of the old Town of Eaton Museum located in the Town of Eaton. Second Councilperson Highers. All Ayes. Motion Carried.**
- 8. Motion Councilperson Golley granting authority to sign transfer documents for property of the former Madison County Highway Department. Second Councilperson Wicks. All Ayes. Motion Carried.**
- 9. Motion Councilperson Wicks granting authority to Supervisor Moses to submit a letter of endorsement for Farmland Protection grant application to Southern Madison Heritage Trust. Second Councilperson Golley. All Ayes. Motion Carried.**
- 10. Motion by Councilperson Highers to adopt Local Law 1-2022 ("A Local Law to Create New Chapter 125 of the Town Code of the Town of Eaton Relating to Development and Project Fees in the Town of Eaton") Second by Councilperson Wicks. All Ayes. Motion Carried .**

PAY THE BILLS: Abstract # 3

General Vouchers numbered-A 19-35 \$ 8,260.41; B 10-14 \$ 3,896.52; SL-3 \$ 00.00
Highway Vouchers numbered DA 9-18 \$30,322.82; DB 2-4 \$ 18,880.12

After audit of the Vouchers, Councilperson Verne moved to accept and pay the bills. Second by Councilperson Wicks, All Ayes. Motion carried.

With no further business to bring before the Council, Councilperson Golley moved to adjourn. Second by Councilperson Highers. All Ayes. Motion Carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:15.

Respectfully submitted,